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SUBJ: TITO' S SPEECH IN SVETOZAREVO

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1. SUMMARY. TITO SPEECH IN SVETOZAREVO EMPHASIZED THAT PARTY WILL INTERVENE AS NECESSARY TO PUT WORKING CLASS IN ITS PROPER POWER POSITION THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVIA, NOTING LEADERSHIP CHANGES ALREADY MADE IN SERBIA, CROATIA AND SLOVENIA. END SUMMARY.

2. TITO FINISHED OFF ROUND OF VISITS IN SERBIA (REFTEL) WITH TALK IN SVETOZAREVO IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA AS NOT AS CRITICAL AS " SOME PEOPLE" WERE SAYING. IN FACT, LIVING CONDITIONS FOR WORKERS WERE MUCH IMPROVED. BUT MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE TO PUT WORKING CLASS IN ITS RIGHTFUL POSITION (OF POWER) IN SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN ALL PARTS OF YUGOSLAVIA, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. TITO FLATLY CLAIMED, " WE COMMUNISTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO INVOLVE OURSELVES IN EVERYTHING... TO ENSURE CORRECT IMPLEMENTATION OF OVERALL POLICY OF OUR PARTY..."

3. HE CHARGED THERE WERE STILL MANY WHO WERE TRYING TO RESIST EFFECTIVE CARRYING OUT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GUARANTEEING WORKERS' RIGHTS; ANY SUCH PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP
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POSITIONS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS AND " THE MOST SEVERE MEASURES." OF COURSE THOSE WHO HAD REPRESENTED PRINCIPAL OBSTACLES TO " APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT" HAD ALREADY BEEN REMOVED IN SERBIA, CROATIA AND SLOVENIA, TITO OBSERVED. SOME LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN REMOVED WERE INVOLVED WITH NATIONALISM (HE SPECIFIED " ROLL- CALLING," I. E., GIVING PREFERENCE TO ETHNIC CROATS, ON THE PART OF SAVKA DABCEVIC AND TRIPALO) AND SOME WITH LIBERALISM (IN SERBIA THERE HAD BEEN PRO- WESTERN " ABSTRACT DEMOCRACY OF BOURGEOIS VARIETY"). HE SAID THAT BOTH NATIONALISM AND TECHNOCRATISM HAD BEEN PRESENT IN SLOVENIA.

4. PRESIDENT ENDED WITH MESSAGE FOR HIS SERBIAN COMRADES: STOP ASKING WHY FORMER PARTY LEADERSHIP IN REPUBLIC HAD TO GO. " I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED THAT." GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO NEW SERBIAN PARTY LEADERS WHO ARE WORKING TO STRENGTHEN SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND LCY/ LC SERBIA IN PARTICULAR.

5. COMMENT: LARGE SEGMENTS OF SPEECH CARRIED ON TV. THIS TIME TITO DID NOT ATTEMPT TO FIND FOREIGN DEVILS FOR HIS COUNTRY' S DOMESTIC ILLS (SEE REFTEL). HE STRUCK SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE NOTE THAN IN OTHER SPEECHES IN SERBIA (REFTEL AND BELGRADE 1356), BUT EVEN SO HIS TALK ABOUT SITUATION NOT BEING AS CRITICAL AS " SOME" SAY, HIS APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR LC SERBIAN PARTY CHIEFS (VLASKALIC AND PETRONIC REPLACING NIKEZIC AND PEROVIC) MUST HAVE LEFT MANY LISTENERS WITH QUESTION: JUST HOW BAD ARE THINGS HERE?
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